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Father Darkleaf

BY
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Be careful each and every day, but especially on this week's Friday the thirteenth. Most of us are superstituous and I never venture out without a good luck rabbit's foot in my pocket. Checked through the calendar and did not see another Friday 13 in 1977.

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The fastest and the slowest! While mowing my lawn a rabbit, a small fellow, ran out from what used to be my mint patch. And minutes later almost sideswiped a terrapin who just was not going anywhere.

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Rather cool to be working in the garden, so browsed around in My Den. Came across some Confederate money had hidden away. How much is a genuine Confederate two dollar bill worth? Also found a City of Lynchburg seventy-five cent note and a South Carolina fifty cent note, etc.And a U.S. flag that had flown over the Capitol on my birthday!

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May is a choice month. One hopes for good fortune with the many seeds you have planted, the plants set out. They say that cats born in May will not catch mice. Mother's big day was widely observed on Sunday. Among May birthdays: Cher, Columbus, Queen Victoria, Bing Crosby, Kate Smith, Bob Hope, the Dionne Quintuplets, Whistler's Mother (Ma), Steve Wonder, Al Jolson, Willie Mays, Presidents Truman and Kennedy, etc. Also May events such as opening of Empire State Building in 1931, the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco May, in 1937; Lindbergh's solo flight to Paris, in 1927, the founding of the Red Cross in 1881, the natives sold Manhattan for trinkets in 1626, Joan of Arc was burned in May 1431, Anne Boleyn was beheaded in May 1537, on May 17,1784 George Washington bought an ice cream maker. In May we have Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, Let's Go Fishing Week, Pickle Week, Asparagus Week and many other events such as Rogation Sunday. No wonder days are getting longer. Am I the only one slowing down with the speed of our times? I could enter a revolving door first and come out last. And I do not drive at night because I could not keep up with the headlights.

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Court Street is getting lots of attention and we wil be proud when this project is completed.

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A salute to the carriers who take your purchases to your car at the food stores. How quickly they recognize your car on the parking lot and keep things moving.

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Suggestion: many of the posts holding street signs and traffic notices around town need a paint job.

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Great strides have been made in the sports program at our schools. More variety and more participation for girls. ACHS is winning its share of events as the season draws to a close. I was wondering what school is considered our top rival? Rustburg? Liberty? Amherst ? Buckingham ? Altavista ? Gretna? My guess...the one we meet next!

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New wrinkle: many restaurants do not serve a glass of water unless you ask for it. Okeh, and I would say that in many homes coffee and milk get more attention at the table than water. I drink two glasses of water before breakfast.

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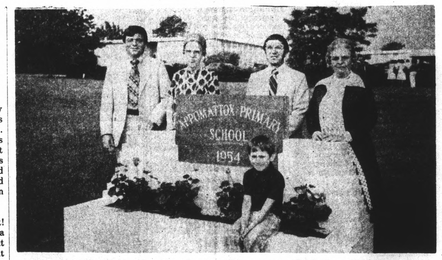
There is only ONE Appomattox and we are custodians. Let us keep it a Growing Town, neat, friendly, and busy. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.



School Marker Dedicated In Memory Of Miss Williams

On Thursday, May 5, 1977, a special program was held at the Appomattox Primary School for the purpose of dedicating a school marker, located on the front lawn, to the memory of Miss Flora Belle Williams. This marker was erected as a joint effort by the Appomattox Primary P-TA, Appomattox Primary School and community citizens. Taking part in the ceremonies, left to right, were Dan Herncall, representing community support; Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, sister of Miss Williams; Dr. A. A. Fratrick, Chairman of Appomattox County School Board; Mrs. Wingfield, also a sister of Miss Williams; and H. Broderick Pack, III, grand-nephew of Miss Williams and a first year student at APS.

The reality of this school was a "dream come true" for Miss Williams. She felt the need for the school many years before it was erected. Little did she know during her years of dreaming that the school would become a reality and that she would become the school's first principal.

During the years Miss Williams served the school system of Appomattox County, she exemplified those qualities which had a positive influence upon others. Her qualities continue to live in the minds and hearts of those who were influenced by her. The school system and the community are better because of her life.

She exemplied an unusual combination of qualities. These qualities are recognized as dedication, love for children and love for beauty. She was an inspiration to others and worked to provide effective instruction for the children under her care. Her staff referred to her as an outstanding executive, instructor and disciplinarian.

Her work continues to live in the school system and in the community. It is recognized in the program which continues at the Appomattox Primary School on the solid foundaiton she established. It is reflected in the high ideas and goals she set for herself which continue to challenge us. It is seen in the beauty of the landscaping at the Appomattox Primary School. It is seen in the lives of those who were touched by her qualities.

It is very appropriate that a special marker at the Appomattox Primary School be erected and dedicated to Miss Williams. It is an expression of our love and admiraiton for her. It is a reminder to all of us that we are indebted to her for helping to make life more abundant for many persons. It is a demonstration of our desire to emulate her high ideals and standards.

Local Rescue Has 34 April Calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 34 emergency calls during the month of April and participated in the "Miss Appomattox" parade. Four of the patients were in need of oxygen and three were on the EKG heart monitor en route to the hospital.

In answering the 34 calls, members spent 148½ man-hours and travelled a total of 1781 miles. A breakdown of the calls is as follows: 2 false calls; nose bleed, 1; breathing difficulty, 3; four persons injured in 2 wrecks; 2 maternity calls; heart attacks, 2; falls, 3; transports by doctor request, 8; broken bones, 4; overdose, 1; cuts, 2; illness, 1; bicycle accident, 1; hit on head, 1; and strokes, 1.

A course in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care was completed and 4 persons were voted into membership of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad.

Recommended Textbooks Adopted By School Board

The Appomattox County School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 1977 at 3 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Textbooks were adopted by the Board to be used in the school system during the period July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1983. The Board's action was based on recommendations made by textbook adoption commitees that studied a number of different programs in each area. The following programs were adopted:

Elementary - Spelling - Rand McNally, **Creative Growth With Handwriting** - Zaner Bloser; and **Reading - Unlimited** - Scott Foreman & Co.;

Secondary:Focus on Physical Science - Charles E. Merrill Co.; **Exploring Earth Science** - Allyn and Bacon; **Biology: Living Systems** - Charles E. Merrill Co.; and **Modern Chemistry** - Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Information was presented to the Board regarding a career guidance project which has been tentatively approved by the State Department of Education in the amount of $80,000 for the first year of a three year project, effective July 1, 1977. During the first year funds will be provided for the employment of a counselor and secretary for Appomattox Middle School, a counselor for Appomattox County High School, rennovation of the home economics cottage at AMS and instructional materials and equipment to help meet the objectives of the project.

Since architectural plans and specifications will be required before rennovation can begin on the cottage, the Board authorized the superintendent to explore the possibility of the services of an architect, and to present information at the next regular Board meeting.

The Board received an enrollment report for the month of April which showed ADM of 2,835 students and percentage attendance of 94 plus in grades K through seven, 93 in grade s7 and 8, and 89 in grades 9 through 12. The Board voiced concern at the low attendance in the ACHS and requested that the problem be studied.

A report from the superintendent was given regarding the triennial school census. It was reported that 3,833 names were recorded by the two enumerators, Mrs. Royal Moore and Mrs. Mildred Richardson, who conducted the census for the School Board.

Approval was given for the N.Y.C. program to be conducted in the school system during the summer months. The program will involve the employment of 12 to 14 students who have a financial need to work as custodial aides and office helpers. Students will work forty hours per week for a total of nine weeks and be

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If you have copy for the **Times-Virginian** - news stories, articles, pictures, country correspondence, or so forth - we would appreciate it very much if you would try and get it to the office of the **Times-Virginian** as soon as possible.

After the weekly newspaper is printed, typesetters are here Thursday and Friday of each week and it would be most helpful to have copy in early.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON, wife of former President of the United States, is shown with Mrs. W. M. Abbitt and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock, left to right above. Mrs. Johnson and her daughter, Lynda Robb, were guests at a tea sponsored by the Appomattox Woman's Club held recently. Other members of the club and guests can be seen in the background.

Dog Ordinance In Effect May 15

The Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County have passed an ordinance calling for the confinement of all dogs in the county to the lots of the owners or keepers for a period of thirty days.

The Dog Ordinance will be in effect May 15, 1977 through June 15, 1977.

All dogs found going at large within the county during this period of time shall be impounded.

Owners and keepers of any dogs within the county who fail to confine such dogs will be subject to a fine of $5.00 for each offense.

The foregoing required shall not apply whenever a dog is in the custody of its owner or keeper.

County Sheriff Clarifies Position On County Decals

J. E. Richardson, Sheriff of Appomattox County, in an effort to clarify the county's position on county decals for motor vehicles, has stated that there have been some misconceptions concerning whether parked vehicles in this county should have county decals. To clear up any questions arising from the recent checking details conducted by the Sheriff's Office, he wishes to inform the citizens that at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County on Friday, July 9, 1976, the County Motor Vehicle License Tax Ordinance was adopted with the first paragraph amended as follows:

"Every motor vehicle with a current Virginia State License whether being operated on the street, highways, or roads within the County of Appomattox in the business or for the private use or benefit of the owner or whether parked within the County of Appomattox shall be subject to a license tax as provided in this article. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the payment of a license tax on vehicles exclusively employed in transporting fuel, agricultural products, provisions, manure or other things to be used only at the owner's farm or dwelling, or upon farm tractors and implements."

Any vehicle within the county of Appomattox with a current Virginia state license and valid Virginia state inspection sticker **MUST** also have a current county decal affixed to the windshield.

OAKVILLE RUTIANS SPONSOR AUCTION SALE

The Oakville Ruritan Club conducts an auction sale each year to raise funds to carry out community improvement projects in the area. The Ruritan sponsored sale this year will be held Saturday, June 18, 1977 at 10:30 a.m.

If you have items you would like to donate to the club or consign to the sale, the Club would be glad to accept them. You will receive 80% of the sale price on those items which you consign.

To donate items or to consign them, please notify C. E. Carson, Route 4, Appomattox (phone 352-7345), or contact any member of the Oakville Ruritan Club.

HOLIDAY LAKE OPENING ANNOUNCED

Holiday Lake will open, weather permitting, with all facilities available to the public for the week end of May 14 and 15 and the week end of May 21 and 22, according to an announcement from Carlton Phillips, manager of the concession stand at the lake.

All facilities at the lake will be opened on a full time schedule beginning May 28 and will be open through Labor Day week end in September.

Contracts Awarded For Water Tank Facility By Appomattox Council

With everything necessary to be done for the water storage facility project contracts to be awarded, the Appomattox Town Council took action on this matter at their meeting Monday night.

$217,000 in Federal funds from HUD has been made available to the town earmarked for the water storage facility to be located near the Matthews sub-division.

Flippo was awarded the contract by council for the installation of the water storage tank; T. E. Brown Construction Co. was awarded the contract for road construction to the site and other funds will take care of various and sundry fees. May-Hines Associates of Farmville is the consulting engineering firm.

With the approval of HUD, the project will begin immediately.

T. E. Pittman, Resident Engeineer, Virginia Dept. of Highways, appeared before council regarding the Route 460 by-pass. He wanted to know if council wanted to approve the by-pass as originally planned in 1970 or approve a new location. With either plan both Route 26 and Route 24 will have interchanges.

By silence, the town took no action thereby agreeing to stay with the orignal plan adopted by council years ago.

It was noted that citizens of the town and county wil have a chance to speak for or against the by-pass at a Public Hearing to be held at a later date. However, Pittman indicated that the by-pass will be constructed as planned by the Virginia Dept. of Highways and Transportation regardless of input from citizens.

On recommendaiton from the Planning Commission, council voted to adopt the Open Space recommended Plan prepared by Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

Requests for water and sewer hook-up for a Ben Franklin Store and for a Jax Big Beef Restaurant to be located in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center were referred to the Water and Sewer Committee for study.

On a request from J. E. Richardson, Sheriff of Appomattox County, members of council agreed to pay one-half the cost for damage to radio cable on top of water tank located on Patricia Ann Lane. Cost to the Town of Appomattox will be $360.00.

Reception Held For "Andy" Miller

Andrew P. Miller, center, former Attorney General and candidate for Governor of Virginia in the Democratic Primary in June of this year, is shown above with Harry G. Lawson, attorney, and Watkins M. Abbitt, attorney and Member of the House of Representatives, retired. Miller was guest of honor at a reception held last Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Avalon Club in Appomattox.

Andy Miller was elected Attorney General of Virginia in 1969 and was re-elected in 1973 by the largest vote total ever recorded by a candidate for state office.

He was born and raised in Fairfax and after graduation from Princeton in 1954 he served as an army lieutenant in Korea. Returning from overseas, he entered the University of Virginia Law School where he was graduated at the top of his class.

He is married to the former Doris Brown. The couple and their three children live in Hanover County.

Stuart Justus, Jr. Named ACHS Head Football Coach

At the Monday meeting of the Appomatox County School Board, Stuart Justus, Jr. was appointed head football coach and teacher of Social Studies at Appomattox County High School.

Justus is a 1964 graduate of East Tennessee University where he played football for four years. From 1964 to 1970 he was teacher and coach at Hurley High School in Hurley, Virginia. He was teacher and coach at Drewry Mason High School in Martinsville from 1970 to 1971 when he left to accept a position as head football coach at Amelia County High School where he remained until 1975. During this present session he is head football coach and teacher at Narrows High School in Giles County.

In addition to coaching football, he has assisted with baseball and track and this year he was also head track coach at Narrows as well as head football coach.

Justus is married and the father of one child. They are of the Baptist faith.

He and his family will be moving to Appomattox County in the near future.

Lions Club To Meet May 12th

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday (tonight), at 8:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Miss Evelyn Heising, Special Education Instructor at Appomattox High School, will be guest speaker for the evening. Miss Heising will show a movie and talk about the Special Olympics.

All members will want to be present for this interesting and most informative program.

4-H Clubs To Sponsor Walk-A-Thon May 21

The Appomattox County 4-H Clubs and Cystic Fibrosis organizations will be sponsoring a ten mile walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 21st at 9 a.m. The rain date is set for May 22 at 2 p.m.

The walk-a-thon will start and end at the Appomattox Primary School. Refreshments will be served during the walk at different points. Prizes will be awarded to those who collect the most money.

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited disease which affects the lungs and digestive system. There is no cure for C/F, but today 50% of the Cystic Fibrosis patients are living longer than the age of 18.

The money raised for Cystic Fibrosis will go toward research and will help families with C/F children.

The money raised for 4-H will be used to pay for award ribbons, helping with the cost of State 4-H Congress, Interstate Exchange, and many other projects.

Please support this cause by walking, giving or both. Your help will be appreciated by many.

4-HERS TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION

Eight 4-H'ers from Appomattox County will appear on the Farm and Home Show, Channel 13 in Lynchburg on May 14, 1977, at 8 a.m.

Laurie McLean and Jane Guill will be modeling their prize-winning outfits they made for the Dress Revue.

Charles Womack, Jr., Glen McClenny, Patti Roach, Tom Cobb, Kathy Lewis, and Allen Smith will be presenting demonstrations or illustrated talks.

Mrs. Laura McClenny, a former 4-H'er and a member of the Virginia 4-H All-Stars is assisting the Appomattox County Extension Office with the production of this program.

RICHARD BARTLET, member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, is shown taking blood pressure reading of Mrs. Geraldine Marshall Saturday at the Blood Pressure Clinic sponsored by the Exemplar Xi Gamma Tau Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

The FREE clinic was held at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad building and was conducted by members of the sorority, local rescue squad members, local nurses, and the Peidmont Heart Association. Approximately 100 persons stopped by for blood pressure checks and 30% were referred to their physicians.